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THE MAGICIANS

Every Little Thing They Do Is Magic

For Boom's next trick, they're going to magically transform a hit TV show into an original comic book series!

Beginning this fall, Syfy's ***The Magicians*** comes to comics in a new five-issue series by *Lilah Sturges, Lev Grossman, & Pius Bak*—a series that could be described as ***"The Magicians: The Next Generation."*** And while the new series premieres several months after Boom's first ***Magicians*** project, ***The Magicians: Alice's Story,*** the two projects are not connected.

"The new series is happening in the same world as Boom's ***The Magicians: Alice's Story*** graphic novel—which is the same world as ***The Magicians*** books," novelist and series creator *Lev Grossman* (who is also co-writing the comic book series) said, "and it's set mostly at the same school for magic, but apart from that it's completely new. Fresh new characters, new conflicts, new magic, new everything."

"We'll see a few familiar faces from the Brakebills we know and love in the novels," co-writer *Lilah Sturges* continued, "but we'll also be introduced to some new staff members and a whole new class of students. It's like ***Star Trek: The Next Generation,*** but with a lot more magic and very few spaceships."

Will any of the characters introduced in this new comic book series appear in upcoming seasons of the TV series? "Doubtful," Grossman said. "The TV show has departed pretty far from the original books, to the point where it's pretty much its own continuity now. The comics build much more directly on the books."

The comic book series begins long after Quentin Coldwater has graduated from Brakebills. "For the first time ever, Brakebills is allowing hedge magicians into the school," Sturges explained. "They're people with magical abilities who, for whatever reason, were never invited to study at Brakebills and who have been learning and practicing magic on their own. The hedges are much more diverse, more independent-minded, and rougher around the edges when it comes to magic.

"The existing students at Brakebills don't all take very kindly to these upstarts joining them at their elite school, and there's conflict from day one as these two groups rub up against each other. Add to this the fact that the school has secretly decided to relax its ban on certain students' performing battle magic, and you've got a recipe for serious drama. We'll definitely see some familiar faces: Dean Fogg, Professors Van der Weghe and March, and maybe a few surprises along the way!"

LILAH STURGES **LEV GROSSMAN**

The Magicians #1, a $3.99 comic with covers by *Qistina Khalidah* and *Alexa Sharpe*, is scheduled for November release.

by Cliff Biggers

IDW's Ready for Action

It's one of those short-lived Silver Age series that's almost impossible to find. It features stories and art by star creators, and it was one of the first high-profile projects based on a toy line.

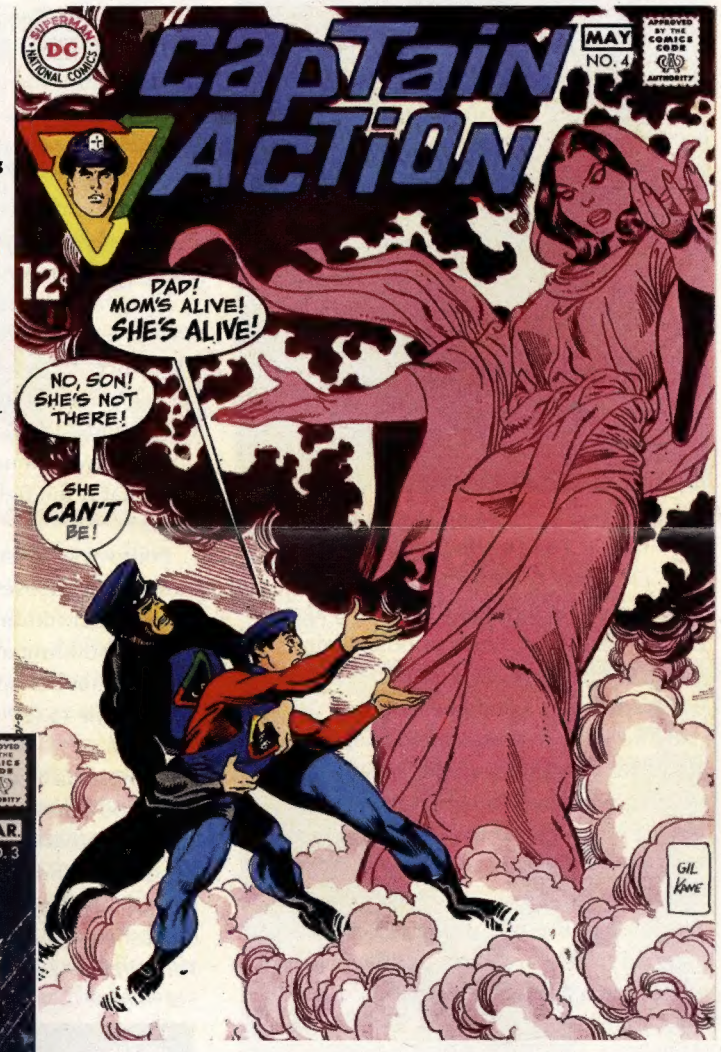
And until now, most of today's readers have been totally unable to enjoy it.

That's changing next year, however, when IDW and Captain Action Enterprises join forces to collect the ***Captain Action*** series originally published by DC in 1968 and 1969. Although it was short-lived, high-profile creators contributed to this series including *Wally Wood, Gil Kane, Jim Shooter, Dick Giordano, Carmine Infantino,* and *Irv Novick*. In fact, this was the series where *Jim Shooter* received his first in-comic credit and where *Gil Kane* first took the creative reins as both writer and artist. Acclaimed storyteller *Mark Waid*, also a longtime Captain Action fan and collector, will provide the introduction to the collection.

Plans call for the hardcover release with a myriad of Captain Action extras, including "lost art" from Silver Age artists *Murphy Anderson, Kurt Schaffenberger,* and *Chic Stone*.

"It's great to see this historically significant material getting the collected edition treatment at last," said *JC Vaughn*, Vice President of Publishing, Gemstone Publishing (the Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide). "The work of *Jim Shooter, Wally Wood,* and *Gil Kane* makes this a project worth checking out even for those who are not yet familiar with Captain Action."

Since Captain Action didn't have much of a backstory of his own—after all, the action figure was little more than a mannequin designed to wear the superhero costumes of other heroes—it was up to the creators to come up with a story for the new series, which focused on the adventures of Captain Action, Action Boy, his pet panther Khem, and the insidious Dr Evil. Captain Action's amphibious "super-car," the Silver Streak, was also prominently featured in the series.



"We've got a lot of future projects percolating with Captain Action, but we're especially thrilled to finally reprint these Silver Age classics," said *Michael Polis*, Partner, Captain Action Enterprises.

IDW's ***Captain Action HC*** is scheduled for release in early 2020.

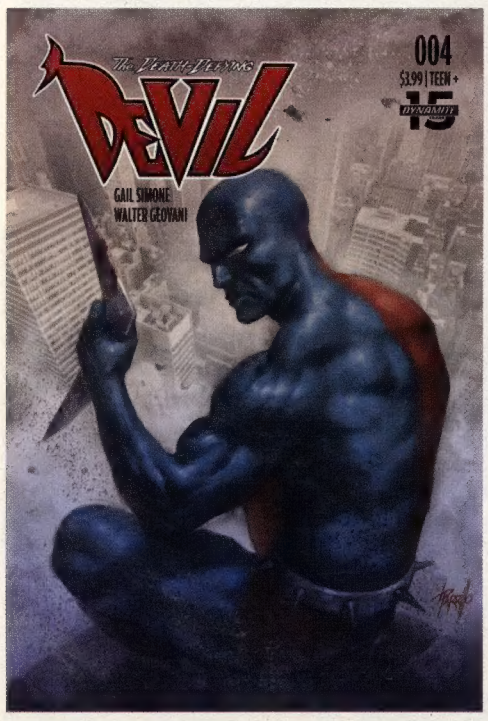
by Cliff Biggers

Courtesy of your friendly neighborhood comics outlet!

Coming Comics—Dynamite in November

A young woman finds herself in the midst of a cult led by a man who claims he can give them all incredible abilities in ***Black Terror #2*** (by *Max Bemis & Ruairi Coleman)*... but was this his link to the Black Terror?

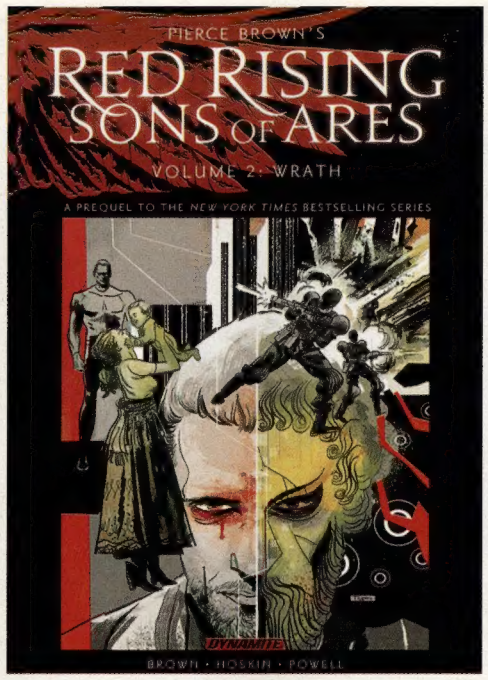
Caught in a human trafficking ring, trapped in a prison with no way out, Chastity's finding that fangs and strength aren't nearly enough in ***Chastity #3*** (by *Leah Williams & Daniel Maine)*... and her sarcasm isn't helping things, either. On the other hand, beware a semi-vampire scorned!



The secret to Winslow House nears its revelation in ***The Death-Defying 'Devil #4*** (by *Gail Simone & Walter Geovani)*. 'Devil continues his defense of the tenants against thugs working for a mysterious villain. Things continue to get weird.

Decades after a zombie invasion has made humans an endangered species, the city of New Detroit is under siege. The people in charge have banned music, as the undead are attracted to sound, and have tried to rid the world of evidence that the greatest band in history has ever existed. Unwilling to live this way and take the leadership at their word, a group of teenagers sets out on a dangerous trip to find KISS in ***KISS: Zombies #1*** (by *Ethan Sacks & Rodney Buchemi)*.

The world of *Pierce Brown's* ***Red Rising*** expands further in ***Pierce Brown's Red Rising: Sons of Aries Volume 2—Wrath HC*** (by *Pierce Brown, Rik Hoskin, & Eli Powell)*,

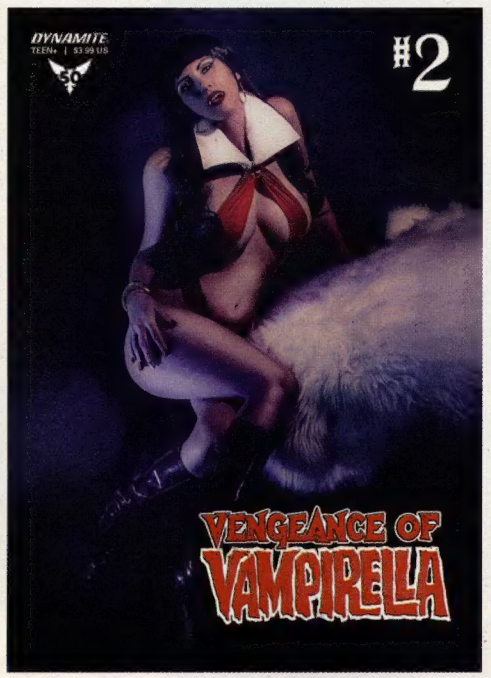


the next installment of the Sons of Ares storyline. Fitchner's quest for revenge continues as he and the other Sons of Ares seek out the Golds who have wronged his family. But actions come with repercussions, and an elaborate game of cat and mouse is on. A battle of Gold versus Gold erupts further into more than acts of vengeance and becomes the seeds of a revolution.

The war is lost in ***Red Sonja #10*** (by *Mark Russell & Mirko Colak)*. Dragan the Magnificent has taken Hyrkania. Sonja the Red's options dwindle: The Woodlands will not provide; the Sorcerers cannot help; she doesn't have enough soldiers to fight back. But what if the fight *isn't* a fight? What if it's a race?

Following her mother Lilith's advice, Vampirella chooses to end her loneliness by engaging in community, connecting with friends, building a new career, and creating roots within her adopted world in ***Vampirella #5*** (by *Christopher Priest & Egun Gunduz)*.

Vampirella Reborn! Savage! Feral! A literal demon thirsting for blood! As humanity raises its greatest hope from the dead, will Pendragon and the rest of our survivors be able to quell the beast that they have unleashed?!? Find out in ***Vengeance of Vampirella #2*** (by *Tom Sniegoski & Michael Sta Maria)*.



While Vampirella is celebrating her 50th anniversary, fan-favorite artist and creator *Joseph Michael Linsner* is celebrating 30 years of his smash-hit Goddess of Rebirth, Dawn! Dynamite's ***Joseph Michael Linsner Dawn Giclée*** (framed or unframed) features a stunning rendition of these two iconic characters teaming up, with a gorgeous giclée featuring Linsner's masterfully crafted art in this ultra-high-quality high-end collectible. (Giclée are highest-end art reproductions that capture every detail of the original work as humanly, mechanically, or technically possible. The resulting print has no perceptible dot pattern, an endless array of richly saturated color, and every nuance of the original image. Printed on canvas, stretched, then framed, these high-end art pieces are as close as you'll get to the original art.)

Dynamite's ***Lucio Parillo Vampirella 50th Anniversary Lithographs*** offer high-quality prints of his covers for ***Vampirella #s 21 & 30 (2010 Edition)***, each printed on 100-lb Gallery Silk Stock, a material that's durable while rendering rich and vibrant colors.

Terry Dodson's stunning art is the inspiration for the ***Terry Dodson Bettie Page Statue Bronze Edition,*** limited to only 150 total copies.

Dynamite collected editions for November include:

- ***The Boys Omnibus Volume 5 TP,*** collecting ***The Boys Volumes 9 & 10*** in one hefty trade paperback. (Dynamite is also offering *Darick Robertson*–signed and –signed-and-remarked editions of the first three ***Boys Omnibus TPs).***
- ***Dawn/Vampirella TP,*** collecting the *Joseph Michael Linsner* crossover series.
- ***James Bond: Felix Leiter TP,*** collecting the six-issue limited series.
- ***James Bond: Origin Volume 2 HC,*** collecting ***James Bond: Origin #s 7–12.***
- ***KISS: The End TP,*** collecting the four-issue series.
- ***Pathfinder Volume 4: Origins TP,*** collecting six captivating stories, each connected by a common narrative thread.
- ***Red Sonja Volume 1: Scorched Earth TP,*** collecting ***Red Sonja #s 1–6.***
- ***The Six Million Dollar Man TP,*** collecting the five-issue limited series.

Coming Comics—IDW in November

Working for the British High Commission, Harrison Fleet is posted to a remote arctic island which is still, inexplicably, under British rule. As he struggles to understand why and what interests he is protecting, Harrison learns just how much of the land and its community lie in the shadow cast by the outpost's founder in ***British Ice,*** a graphic novel by *Owen D. Pomery*. Caught between hostile locals, the British government, and an unforgiving physical environment, he begins dragging dark secrets into the light, unaware of the tragic repercussions they will cause. And help is very, very far away.

Every year, a group of six people gathers for Christmas in a cabin in the far North Woods of Wisconsin. But this isn't your average bickering nuclear family—these are six of the most prolific killers in North America. Now, last year's sins have risen from the grave, ready to deliver the gift of revenge. Guided by the Crow, Cecilia Rite will give six psychos a holiday to remember in ***The Crow: Hark the Herald*** (by *Tim Seeley & Meredith Laxton)*. The Crow knows who has been naughty...

Minsc and his friends are caught in the middle of devil-tainted corruption that has taken hold of Baldur's Gate in ***Dungeons & Dragons: Infernal Tides #1*** (by *Jim Zub & Max Dunbar)*. Unravelling the secret of its source will take these heroes to unexpected places and threaten the sanctity of their very souls.

The women of GLOW are preparing for an all-new sort of a foe—a news anchor—in ***GLOW vs the Babyface #1*** (by *Aimee Garcie, AJ Mendez, & Hannah Templer)*. As they learn the art of the promo to convince the media that GLOW isn't a bad influence on children thank you very much, they discover a much bigger problem—a runaway who's been living under the ring!

Enjoy 72 pages of delightful Disney holiday tales in ***Mickey & Donald's Christmas Parade 2019.***

When Rarity is invited to three parties on Hearth's Warming Eve—one in Manehattan,

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one in Canterlot, and one at home in Ponyville—she is loathe to miss out on any of the fun and decides that instead of deciding, she'll just go to all three! But between train rides, avalanches, and general distraction, this plan doesn't work out as well as she'd hoped in ***My Little Pony Holiday Special*** (by *James Asmus, Andy Price, & Trish Forstner).*

As the Great Enemies plot to destroy the God of Thunder, the last of their ancient foes, Thor fights to free slaves laboring in a deadly mine on the rim of Helheim in *Walter Simonson's* ***Ragnarok: The Breaking of Helheim #3***. The recovered ore is being turned into magical sword blades that will enable the despotic ruler of the upper levels of Helheim to conquer the Dusk Lands with fire and blood.

Chiyoko of the Koi Clan leads a group of powerful warriors, the best each clan has to offer, on a mission to save Japan from dragons and monsters in ***Rising Sun #1*** (by *Ron Marz, David Rodriguez, & Martin Coccolo).* But perhaps the greatest threat she faces is not the many monsters who are ravaging the country, but her own team...

1969: The first lunar mission has landed... and they aren't alone. Trapped, hunted by Dire Wraiths, the astronauts find themselves wishing that help weren't over 200,000 miles away. A Wraith invasion of Earth is looming, and only the most isolated men in human history stand in their way in ***ROM: Dire Wraiths #2*** (by *Chris Ryall, Luca Pizzara, Guy Dorian Sr, & Sal Buscema).*

You've seen the trailer... now, witness the events leading to CBS All Access's ***Picard*** in IDW's ***Star Trek: Picard—Countdown #1*** (by *Mike Johnson & Kirsten Beyer).* Before he retired to his vineyard, Jean-Luc Picard was the most decorated admiral in Starfleet. Then one mission changed his life forever...

As a fleet of Tholian vessels closes in, Kirk and the rest of the crew struggle to free the Enterprise from the Tholian Web before it's too late. And with the destruction of the ship hanging in the balance, Bright Eyes will have to make a choice between their human friends or going home in ***Star Trek: Year Five #8*** (by *Jackson Lanzing, Collin Kelly, & Stephen Thompson).*

Things have never been worse for the TMNT and their allies than they are in the 48-page ***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles #100*** (by *Tom Waltz, Kevin Eastman, Dave Wachter, & Mateus Santoloucos*), but there's still one desperate gambit to try if the family can come together in time. Will it be worth the cost? Over eight years of TMNT storytelling have led to this game-changing moment!

Donatello's in custody in ***TMNT: Urban Legends #19*** (by *Gary Carlson & Frank Fosco).* He's believed to be an alien by some mysterious suits, so the Special Operations Strikeforce steps in to identify him!

In the 35th anniversary month of Usagi Yojimbo, *Stan Sakai* revisits the very first Usagi story, "The Goblin of Adachigahara" in ***Usagi Yojimbo #6 30th Anniversary***, expanding it from eight to 24 pages and adding new insights into the characters and events, as well as revealing the reason for Usagi's pilgrimage back home.

Stan Sakai & Walter Simonson's connecting jam cover (published as rare retailer incentive covers on the first issues of the new ***Usagi Yojimbo*** and ***Ragnarök***) was just too good to *not* make into a gorgeous 24" x 18" ***Usagi Yojimbo Poster***, which is why IDW is offering said poster in November. It's limited to 500 copies, so don't wait to place your orders!

Walter Simonson's The Mighty Thor Artisan Edition TP features some of *Walter Simonson's* finest Thor work, including the first appearance of Beta Ray Bill. Each page has been scanned from the original art in *Walter Simonson's* personal archives, ensuring that these stories are presented as closely as possible to the actual hand-drawn artwork.

IDW joins forces with BCW to offer their very own illustrated ***Transformers Short Comic Box*** and ***My Little Pony Short Comic Box.***

IDW collected editions include:

- ***Marvel Action: Black Panther—Rise Together TP,*** collecting ***Marvel Action: Black Panther #s 4–6.***
- ***Marvel Action Classics: Ant-Man,*** collecting ***Marvel Adventures Super Heroes #s 6 & 10.***
- ***My Little Pony Omnibus Volume 5 TP,*** collecting ***My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic #s 51–65.***
- ***Samurai Jack 100-Pager,*** collecting some of Samurai Jack's best tales in a bargain-priced volume.
- ***Road of Bones TP,*** collecting the four-issue series.
- ***Star Trek: Year Five—Odyssey's End TP,*** collecting ***Star Trek: Year Five #s 1–6.***
- ***Star Wars Adventures Omnibus Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Star Wars Adventures #s 0–8, 10, 11, 2018 Annual,*** and more.

Coming Comics—Scout in November

The Knights Templar and the Headless Horseman face off in a final showdown, with the souls of the people of Salem hanging in the balance in ***Headless #4*** (by *Alexander Banchita & Robert Ahmad).*

Two days before Christmas, a terrible snowstorm arrives, and Charlie-in-the-Box is lost at sea! King Moonracer quickly puts together a band of Misfit Toys to rescue him in ***Island of Misfit Toys,*** an original trade paperback by *Brendan Deneen & George Kambadais* inspired by the original television classic ***Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.*** Together with Yukon Cornelius and Bumble, the Abominable Snow Monster, the Misfits embark on their greatest adventure yet! But one question remains: Will they save Charlie and return to the island in time for Santa to arrive? Or are the Misfits doomed to spend another Christmas without a little boy or girl to love them?

Last Stop #1 (by *Trey Walker & Hoyt Silva)* is the latest entry in Scout's Nonstop imprint, which leads off with a first issue followed by the entire series a few months later in one volume. Time is ticking for the World's last superhero. Disillusioned, Lincoln Adams (aka Unstoppable) must make peace with the changing world around him—can there truly be a place for him in a world without Supers? After learning of his terminal disease, Lincoln sees an easy way out; however, the re-emergence of an old Arch-Nemesis, and a new shadowy masked figure, turn Lincoln's plans of an easy passing on their head.

Staring into the face of death from uncaged wild animals at the Florida Zoo, Jennifer and her two children, Alejandro and Elita, must find a way to escape before becoming dinner themselves in ***Midnight Sky #3*** (by *James Pruett & Scott Van Domelen).* But if that was not horrifying enough, the truth is revealed as to why hundreds, if not thousands, of children are being hunted and captured by the creatures that have invaded and are rapidly replacing humans. The answer leads them to Orlando, the city where dreams come true—but it is no longer the happy place they remember from their childhood...

Planet Caravan TP (by *Andrea Amenta & Stefano Cardoselli)* follows up the Nonstop premiere issue with a trade paperback featuring the entire story in a single volume. In the future, wars are waged over conquest of entire systems and galaxies. Jason, a soldier at the mercy of this endless conflict, must do their bidding and fight in these seemingly never-ending wars. As the last survivor of his unit on the surface of an enormous planet, he has only the memory of Grace, his wife, to keep him sane, and it is his singular goal to make it back to her. After a long and dangerous journey, he will find a way back to Earth—and to an awful truth that the war has beaten him there.

Set outside the regular universe of the Stabbity Bunny regular series, ***Stabbity Ever After: Wonderland #1*** (by *Richard Rivera & Ryan Kincaid)* takes Stabbity to the magical surroundings of Wonderland. As Stabbity and Grace find themselves in Wonderland, it almost appears that things are going smoothly—but of course, in this magical world everything isn't as it seems as the queen of hearts discovers Grace's magical powers and decides she wants them for herself.

Alone on the tough streets of an alien city, far from the lifeless planet they once called home, siblings Shea and Sean spent their youth struggling to survive. Still suffering emotionally from the loss of everything they'd ever known and loved, Shea and Sean have nothing else in the universe but each other in ***Wretches #1*** (by *James E. Roche & Salo Farias).* Forever outrunning the horrors of their past, they survive the only way they know how— by hunting and killing sentient robots for profit!

ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #3 (OF 4)

Donny Cates (W); Ryan Stegman (A)

(Marvel JUL190885 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

After the harrowing events of the previous issue, Venom and Spider-Man have to deal with the hard truth that not everybody will make it out of this conflict in one piece... if they make it out at all, that is. As Carnage continues to amass strength and allies, Venom and Spider-Man realize that the only way to beat him is to do the same.

Why Should You Care?

Donny Cates is making ***Absolute Carnage*** the Marvel event of the summer—and that's great news for Spider-Man fans, who have a cornucopia of great Spidey stories to select from (but why choose when you can enjoy them all?).

ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: AVENGERS #1

Leah Williams (W); Salvador Larroca (A)

(Marvel JUL190898 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

Years ago, Cletus Kasady used the Carnage symbiote to take over a small town called Doverton, Colorado, as well as the team of Avengers who arrived to stop him! Barely able to free themselves from his control during their first meeting, this small band of heroes will have no choice but to assemble once more after they discover that Doverton's entire population has recently fallen victim to Carnage's more lethal designs...

Why Should You Care?

Captain America. The Thing. Hawkeye. Wolverine. Now *that's* an Avengers team! Add *Leah Williams & Salvador Larroca* to the mix, and you get a first-class tie-in!

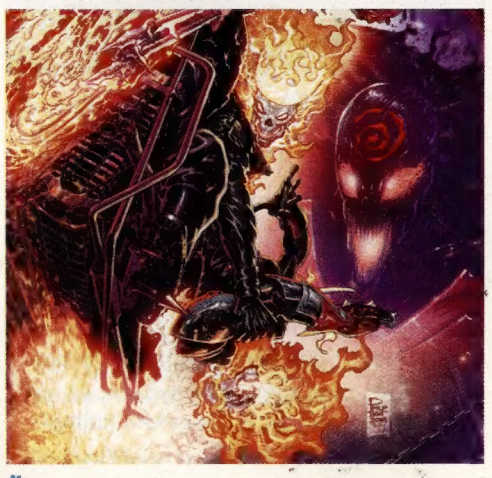
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SYMBIOTE OF VENGEANCE #1

Ed Brisson (W); Juan Frigeri (A)

(Marvel JUL190911 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

Carnage is hunting down previous symbiote hosts for codices that will unlock a direct link to the symbiote god Knull! And former Ghost Rider Alejandra Jones is next on his hit list! With Johnny Blaze preoccupied as Hell's king, it's up to Danny Ketch to ride again and keep Alejandra out of Carnage's clutches.



Why Should You Care?

With interest in Ghost Rider ramping up, what better time for a Carnage–Ghost Rider(s) faceoff?

ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SYMBIOTE SPIDER-MAN #1 AC

Peter David (W); Francesco Mobili (A)

(Marvel JUL190915 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

During its first visit to New York City, the alien symbiote that would come to be known as Venom bonded to a host that wasn't Spider-Man or Eddie Brock. And now this mysterious man will meet his destiny at the hands of Carnage...

Why Should You Care?

Peter David takes ***Absolute Carnage*** on a side trip to Spidey's past with this story that perfectly complements his superb ***Symbiote Spider-Man*** limited series (and isn't it great to have *Peter David* back on a Spidey-book at last?).

ARCHIE 1955 #1 (OF 5)

Mark Waid & Brian Augustyn (W); Tom Grummett (A)

(Archie JUL191555 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

Can a rocking teenager from a small, sleepy town find fame and fortune through this new phenomenon called rock and roll? When Archie Andrews proves to a local DJ that he's got the makings of hip-shaking stardom, he begins an ascent to fame that will carry with it both triumph and tragedy.

Why Should You Care?

Mark Waid & Brian Augustyn, the writers who made ***Archie 1941*** a must-read series, reunite for a new take on Riverdale's favorite teenager—this one set in the dawn of the rock'n'roll era, as Archie races Elvis to superstardom!

DCEASED: A GOOD DAY TO DIE #1

Tom Taylor (W); Laura Braga, Darick Robertson, & others (A)

(DC JUL190514 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

While the mainstays of the Justice League battle the worldwide infection in the pages of ***DCeased,*** another group of heroes work to stop the impending apocalypse—no matter whom they have to kill! Mr Terrific assembles a motley group of surviving heroes including Mister Miracle, Big Barda, John Constantine, Blue Beetle, and Booster Gold as they attempt to fight back against the tide of death... and this time, they're not playing fair!

Why Should You Care?

Tom Taylor's ***DCeased*** turned into DC's big event hit of the summer, so it's no surprise that they filled in the gap between ***DCeased #s 4 & 5*** with a special tie-in issue. What *is* a surprise, though, is that they got *Tom Taylor* himself to write said tie-in issue, which gives it all the core-series credentials any reader could ask for.

GI JOE #1

Paul Allor (W); Chris Evenhuis (A)

(IDW JUL190704 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

Tyranny is on the rise as Cobra topples governments and spreads its ruthless power across the globe. In these trying times, desperate measures are taken. The new GI Joe program recruits civilian spies and saboteurs: ordinary people, living in occupied territories, who will put their lives on the line to strike back through clandestine but high-impact missions. Join these new recruits as they resist Cobra control, fight to make a better world for all, and find out just what they are capable of.

Why Should You Care?

A new take, a new mission, and new Joes... but not *all* new Joes, as some of your favorites will be returning as well in this ***GI Joe*** relaunch.

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HARLEEN #1 (OF 3)

Stjepan Sejic (W/A)

(DC JUL190510 $7.99)

What's the Scoop?

Dr Harleen Quinzel has discovered a revolutionary cure for the madness of Gotham City. Now she needs to prove it actually works. But with the criminal justice and mental health establishments united against her, the brilliant young psychologist must take drastic measures to save Gotham from itself. Witness Harleen's first steps on a doomed quest that will give birth to the legendary supervillain Harley Quinn...

Why Should You Care?

Stjepan Sejic, wel known to many as one of comics' top artists, is also one of its most talented writers, as readers of his series ***Sunstone*** already know. Now Sejic offers a captivating reimagining of the relationship between Harleen Quinzel and the Joker in this powerful new Black Label series, published in the same oversized format as ***Batman: Damned*** and ***Superman: Year One*** to show off Sejic's superb illustrative abilities.

HARLEY QUINN & POISON IVY #1 (OF 6)

Jody Houser (W); Adriana Melo (A)

(DC JUL190505 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

Harley Quinn and Poison Ivy have to evade villains and heroes alike while they explore their relationship and unpack their time and experiences at Sanctuary in this series set after the events of ***Heroes in Crisis*** and right in the middle of the "Year of the Villain." Can their relationship survive this turbulent journey?

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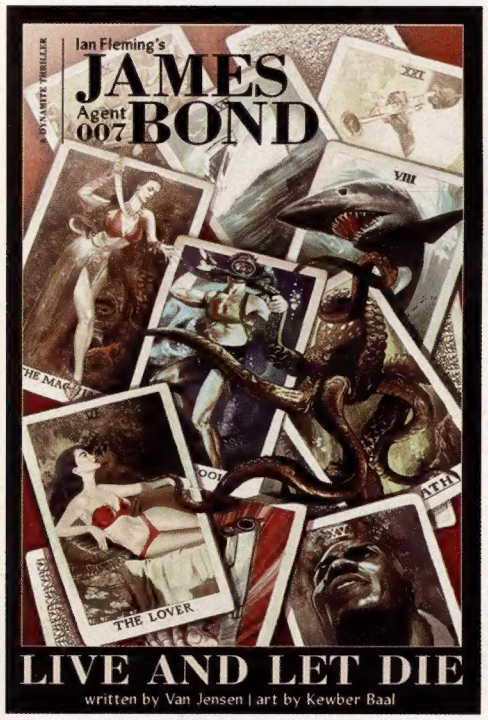
Why Should You Care?

Thankfully, Poison Ivy's death is one aspect of ***Heroes in Crisis*** that didn't stick—which is good news, since it means that we get a new Harley and Ivy series!



JAMES BOND: LIVE AND LET DIE HC

Van Jensen & Ian Fleming (W); Kewber Baal (A)
(Dynamite JUL191174 $24.99)

What's the Scoop?

James Bond is sent to New York City to investigate Mr Big, an agent of SMERSH and a criminal voodoo leader. With the help of his CIA colleague Felix Leiter, Bond tracks Mr Big through the jazz joints of Harlem, to the everglades, and on to the Caribbean, knowing that this criminal heavy hitter is a real threat. But no one, not even the mysterious Solitaire, can be sure how their battle of wills is going to end...

Why Should You Care?

Van Jensen continues his faithful adaptations of the *Ian Fleming* novels with this original graphic novel version of Fleming's second Bond book, ***Live and Let Die***—a tale that ramps up the action, adventure, and exotic locales that would become a trademark of the Bond canon. And there's no updating or reworking here: Jensen is producing this as a period piece, keeping everything as authentic as Fleming intended.

KING THOR #1 (OF 4)

Jason Aaron (W); Esad Ribic (A)
(Marvel JUL190930 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

Seven years ago, Jason and Esad introduced the Thor of the far future, All-Father of a broken realm and a dying universe, as he stood in battle against the Butcher of Gods, wielder of All-Black the Necrosword. Now that nefarious blade has returned, in the hands of Thor's all-time greatest enemy—his brother, Loki—for one final, cataclysmic showdown.

Why Should You Care?

Jason Aaron blends his brutal heroic fantasy approach from ***Conan the Barbarian*** with his mythic storytelling from ***Mighty Thor*** in this twilight-of-the-gods tale that no Thor fan will want to miss. And what better artist to bring it to life visually than *Esad Ribic,* who has produced outstanding visuals for both Conan and Thor?

LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES: MILLENNIUM #1 (OF 2)

Brian Michael Bendis (W); Jim Lee, Dustin Nguyen, Andrea Sorrentino, Andre Araujo, & others (A)
(DC JUL190512 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

As the unlikeliest of DC heroes learns to cope with newfound immortality, she roams through the disparate societies of Batman Beyond, Kamandi, Tommy Tomorrow, OMAC, and the Legion of Super-Heroes, desperately trying to find her purpose in an ever-changing world.

Why Should You Care?

The Legion of Super-Heroes. That's all you need to know. The Legion of Super-Heroes. They're coming back. It begins here. Reserve your copy now.

LEX LUTHOR: YEAR OF THE VILLAIN #1

Jason Latour (W); Bryan Hitch & Andrew Currie (A)
(DC JUL190502 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

Apex Lex has made his offer to the villains of the DC Universe... but has the superpowered evil genius gotten what he truly desires? The deadliest predator in the Multiverse has set out to answer that question by seeking out his counterparts on other Earths. But will this meeting of the Luthors be the greatest team-up in all of creation, or will it end in a bloodbath?

Why Should You Care?

They really should have called this one Lex *Luthors,* which is what makes this ***Year of the Villain*** special such a must-read.

PRETTY DEADLY: THE RAT #1 (OF 5)

Kelly Sue DeConnick (W); Emma Rios (A)
(Image JUL190083 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

Pay a visit to emerging Hollywood in this new tale of art, addiction, and loss.

Why Should You Care?

Kelly Sue DeConnick describes this as the pivotal middle chapter in the ***Pretty Deadly*** saga—and while we're sad to know there are only two more series to go after this one, we're eager to see where DeConnick and Rios are going to take us in this moody, fantastic period-piece drama

RED SONJA VAMPIRELLA #1

Jordie Bellaire (W); Drew Moss (A)
(Dynamite JUL191136 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

Sonja and Vampirella join forces in a tale that begins in 1969 and travels through time. And notice that there is no "versus" in the title: This is a series that brings Dynamite's two most powerful women together in a twisted take on the buddy-cop trope.

Why Should You Care?

The Daughter of Drakulon and the She-Devil with a Sword join forces—not for a oneshot or a limited series, but in this all-new ongoing series! That's right—one of Dynamite's more offbeat crossovers gets even more offbeat as it becomes part of ongoing Vampirella/Sonja canon!

RIDDLER YEAR OF THE VILLAIN #1

Mark Russell (W); Scott Godlewski (A)
(DC JUL190503 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

Lex Luthor has presented dark gifts to supervillains across the DC Universe, setting off what can only be called the Year of the Villain. Unfortunately, resources are limited, so not everyone got something. The Riddler is one such person, and he is most displeased about it. Was this merely an oversight or a deliberate slight? The Riddler is determined to find out which...!

Why Should You Care?

Hell hath no fury like a villain scorned, as the Riddler sets out to demonstrate in this offbeat tale by ***Second Coming*** mastermind *Mark Russell,* who certainly knows how to do offbeat.

SFSX SAFE SEX #1

Tina Horn (W); Michael Dowling (A)
(Image JUL190078 $3.99)

What's the Scoop?

In a draconian America where sexuality is bureaucratized and policed, a group of queer sex workers keep the magic alive in an underground club called the Dirty Mind. Using their unique bondage skills, they resolve to infiltrate the mysterious government Pleasure Center, free their friends, and fight the power!

Why Should You Care?

Tina Horn & Michael Dowling out-sex ***Faithless*** with this kinky tale of sex, love, and torture that turned out to be too much for Vertigo—but it's just right for Image!

SPIDER-MAN #1 (OF 5)

JJ Abrams & Henry Abrams (W); Sara Pichelli (A)
(Marvel JUL190833 $4.99)

What's the Scoop?

Spider-Man's life is complicated by the arrival of a new villain named Cadaverous—but who is he, and what are his plans for Peter Parker and Mary Jane Watson?

Why Should You Care?

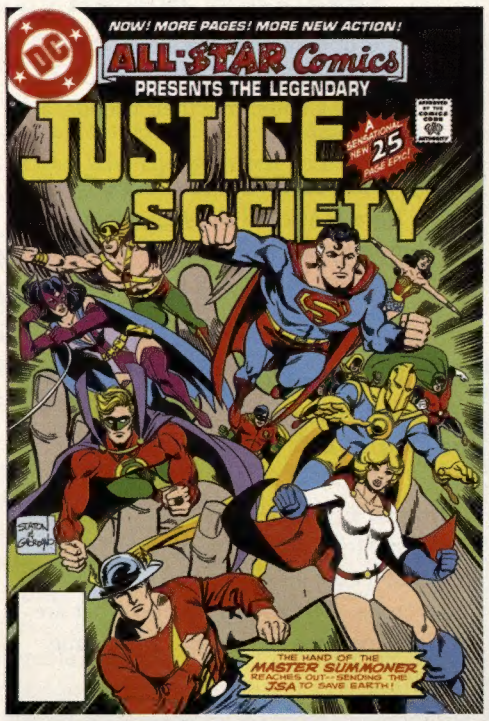
The acclaimed filmmaker and his son make their comic book debut with this five-issue limited series that *JJ Abrams* said "shows Peter Parker in a way you haven't seen him before." Of course, the real selling point here is *JJ Abrams,* not Peter Parker!

Collected Cool: September's Best Reprint Editions

AGE OF BRONZE TP VOL 2 (COLOR EDITION)

(Image JUL190098 $19.99)

Eric Shanower's fascinating retelling of the story of the Trojan War gets the full-color treatment in this new paperback edition. ***The Iliad*** is so much fun here that you'll almost wish you'd actually read it back in high school like you were supposed to!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(DC MAY190474 $49.99)

The classic 1970s run of the Justice Society of America is now collected in a single volume from the pages of ***All-Star Comics #s 58–74, Aventure #s 461–466,*** and ***DC Special #29,*** featuring the Flash, Green Lantern, Hawkman, Doctor Fate, and Wildcat as they're joined by younger heroes Robin, Power Girl, and Star-Spangled Kid to battle the Psycho-Pirate, the immortal Vandal Savage, the Injustice Society, and more.

BATMAN: DAMNED HC

(DC JUN188708 $29.99)

Since DC decided not to go back to press on the first issue after the nudity controversy, this is the first opportunity readers will have to enjoy the entire series (uness they were lucky enough to get that first issue before it sold out—and gauging from the demand, there were a *lot* of readers who missed it).

FLAMING CARROT COMICS OMNIBUS TP VOL 1

(Dark Horse MAY190252 $24.99)

Bob Burden's surreal absurdist superhero fantasy returns to comic shops courtesy of Dark Horse. This volume collects ***Flaming Carrot #s 1–2, 4–11, & 25–27,*** including the hard-to-find Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles crossover.

JOKER: HIS GREATEST JOKES TP

(DC JUN190604 $19.99)

Just in time for the upcoming Warner Bros movie Joker, DC serves up a new helping of Joker's best capers from the pages of ***Batman #s 8, 67, 145, 260, 353 & 366; Detective Comics #s 388 & 833–834; The Spectre #51;*** and ***Batman: Prelude to the Wedding—Harley Quinn vs the Joker #1.***

MARVEL HORROR OMNIBUS HC

(Marvel MAR190992 $125.00)

Simon Garth; Zombie; Brother Voodoo; the Living Mummy; It!, the Living Colossus; the Golem; Gabriel the Devil Hunter; the Scarecrow; Modred the Mystic... they're all in here, along with such special guest stars as Werewolf by Night, Doctor Strange, the Hulk, the Thing, the Avengers, and more in this compendium of horror-hero tales from the early 1970s.

TIMELY'S GREATEST: GOLDEN AGE SUB-MARINER BY EVERETT HC

(Marvel MAR190993 $150.00)

Marvel's premiere release in the ***Timely's Greatest*** series of Golden Age compendia celebrates the incomparable adventures of comics' first antihero, Prince Namor, the Sub-Mariner, as originally published in ***Marvel Comics #1, Marvel Mystery Comics #s 2–31, Human Torch Comics #s 2–6, Sub-Mariner Comics #s 1–4, All-Winners Comics (1941) #s 1–4, Daring Mystery Comics #s 7–8,*** and ***Comedy Comics (1942) #9.***

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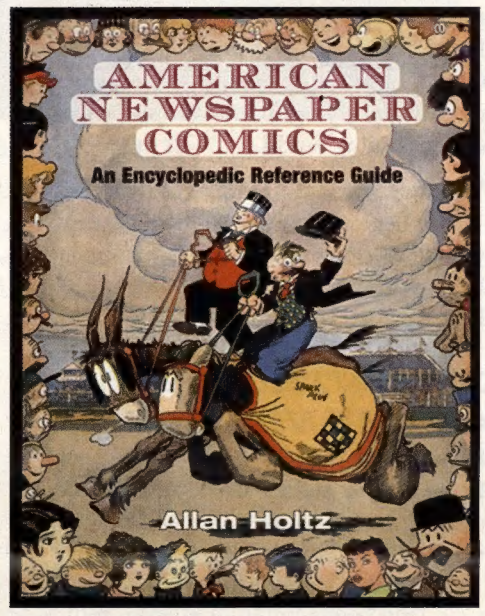

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER COMICS: ENCYCLOPEDIC REFERENCE GUIDE HC

(University of Michigan Press JUL192280 $150.00)

From its earliest appearance in the 1890s, the newspaper comic strip has told the story of America, from the Irish ghetto of the Yellow Kid to flappers, war heroes, hippies, and today's office drones and soccer moms. *Allan Holtz's* ***American Newspaper Comics*** offers the first comprehensive, authoritative reference work to document the fascinating history of the American comic strip, listing over 7,000 different comic strip and cartoon features from American newspapers. The book also includes handy cross-indexes and a guide to book-length compilations of newspaper cartoons and comics, plus a CD with samples of more than 2,000 cartoon features.

BACK ISSUE #116

(TwoMorrows JUN191993 $8.95)

It's superheroes-versus-monsters time! This issue spotlights Monsters in Metropolis, Batman and the Horror Genre, *Doug Moench & Kelley Jones'* Batman: Vampire, Marvel Scream-Up, Dracula and Godzilla vs Marvel, DC/Dark Horse Hero/Monster crossovers, a Baron Blood villain history, and more.

DITKO SHRUGGED: UNCOMPROMISING LIFE OF THE ARTIST

(Hermes MAY191741 $49.95)

David Currie offers an intriguing look at the life and career of one of the most distinctive creators to ever work in comics. *Steve Ditko* walked away from Spider-Man and Doctor Strange rather than compromise his principles, but he continued to produce comics for decades afterwards—and worked in his studio up until the time of his death. Through his history, the stories of other artists from the same period are examined, from *Jack Kirby* to *Wallace Wood*, and how they all fell afoul of a system stacked against them.

Hot Commodities: September's Best Merchandising & Collectibles

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(DC FEB190628 $40.00)

This set of seven 3.75" tall PVC figures features resized rereleases of some of the most popular statues in the line's history. Each set will come with six previously available mini figures plus one exclusive, never-before-released edition available only in this set.

DC BOMBSHELLS: BATGIRL & SUPERGIRL CELEBRATION STATUE

(DC FEB190626 $250.00)

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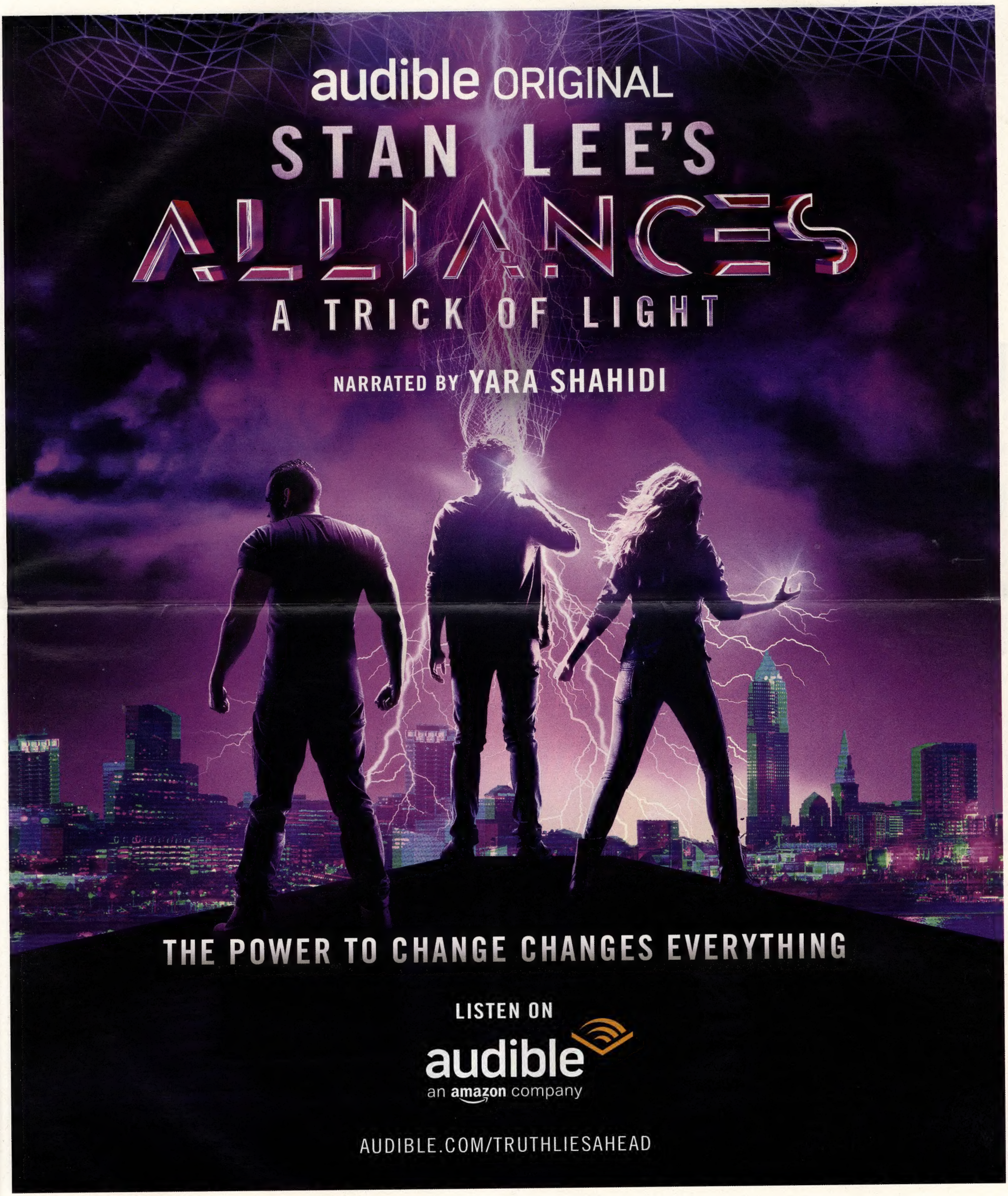

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